

5 May 1956

Admiral Arthur W. Radford
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Raddy:

I would like to speak to you about this
at your early convenience.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

The Chairman, Net Evaluation Subcommittee (*Radford*)

SUBJECT:

Revision of NSC 5511: "A Net Evaluations Subcommittee"

I am considering proposing certain revisions of NSC 5511 in addition to those contained in the draft revision distributed on 5 April and would like to discuss them with you beforehand. The general purpose of each change, I believe, will be apparent to you. The changes which I have in mind to suggest are as follows:

1. Delete the phrase "and key US installations overseas" from both paragraphs 1 and 3. Insert a new second sentence in paragraph 3 as follows: Military operations overseas should be considered only insofar as they (a) require a diversion of Soviet resources from attack on the continental US, or (b) affect US capabilities to execute the [] mission and consequently the Soviet capability to attack the continental US.

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2. In the first sentence of paragraph 3, delete the phrase "during approximately the first thirty days of general war" and substitute "during the nuclear phase of a general war (i.e., the period during which the Soviet nuclear weapon stockpile would be substantially expended)."

3. In the second line of paragraph 4, change "October 1" to read "December 1".

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4. Change the second sentence of paragraph 5 to read as follows (insertions underscored): Each Subcommittee member, in accordance with his individual responsibilities, shall be consulted regarding and given ample opportunity to review the following prior to adoption by the Subcommittee:
(a) subsidiary terms of reference, (b) the assumptions to be used for each evaluation report, (c) the procedures to be followed in conducting the net evaluation, (d) the complete evaluation report (less background material, which shall be made available only on a "need to know" basis), and (e) any recommendations which the Subcommittee may choose to submit.

5. Change the fourth sentence of paragraph 5 as follows (insertions underscored): The Chairman of the Subcommittee, in consultation with the Staff Director and with members of the Subcommittee in accordance with their individual responsibilities, will prepare regulations and establish procedures for the handling of highly sensitive information*...."

ALLAN W. DULLES
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL CABELL

Attached which you have previously
noted has been revised.

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GENERAL CABELL:

Mr. Dulles wishes to speak with you
about the attached.

*Have discussed H.A. with him after
with DEI. Return to Radford returns.
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CALLED ADM. RADFORD'S OFFICE THIS
MORNING AND HAVE LEARNED THAT HE
HAS RETURNED.

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16 April 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Revision of NSC 5511

1. The attached memorandum for the Chairman, Net Evaluation Subcommittee has been prepared by Dr. Montague in consultation with me for use in your proposed discussion with the Chairman N.E.S.C. Each of these suggested changes, which you have had under consideration, are of such importance to the orderly accomplishment of the NESC mission as to justify an effort to have them considered for inclusion in the revision of NSC 5511. Based on past experience I believe that the Chairman NESC would welcome them. He might more appropriately introduce the items in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 himself. The arguments in support of these three paragraphs may be found in the Annex to Dr. Montague's memorandum of 7 April attached:

Reference "key installations" -- see paragraphs 9, 10 and 11.

Reference "first thirty days" -- see paragraph 12.

Reference "change of date from October 1 to December 1" -- see paragraph 13.

2. The changes cited in paragraphs 4 and 5 we believe will accomplish the purposes suggested by you. These changes combined with General Thomas' assurances to you will permit you or your representative to have necessary access to the "war game" or "operations analysis" and also permit the exercise of your individual responsibility in the intelligence judgements used during the net evaluation process and in the protection of sensitive intelligence information throughout the evaluation.

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